Rs. 30,047-3-2 respectively. It is very unsatisfactory to note that the outstandings were allowed to increase instead of being decreased. The Deputy Commissioners and Presidents of District Boards are requested to arrange for the early payment of the outstandings due from local bodies and forward a report of action taken within three months.

8. *General.*—Seventeen candidates for vaccinators' appointments were trained in the Vaccine Institute during the year. Eight midwives, 9 pupil compounders and 3 sanitary inspectors were also given training in vaccination. Under the scheme of reorganisation sanctioned during the year, Mr. P. Parthasarathy, L.M. & S., B.S. SC., D. P. H. was appointed Superintendent of the Vaccine Institute between 26th February 1927 and 14th April 1927 and was thereafter deputed to the Agricultural Department. Mr. J. A. Iswara Murthy was since posted for duty in the Institute.

Government observe a noticeable slackness on the part of the local bodies in enforcing the provisions of the Vaccination Regulation and the decrease in the number of vaccinations performed is disquieting and has perhaps been responsible for the prevalence of small-pox in epidemic form in many areas of the State latterly. Government have issued instructions from time to time emphasizing the grave importance of a proper enforcement of the Vaccination Regulation and they trust that the Presidents of District Boards, Municipal Councils and the Sanitary Commissioner will examine how the Regulation is being worked in the areas under their control and take early necessary action to ensure its proper enforcement and thus secure immunity to all the people from this fell disease.

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PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT.

Famine Reserve Tools.

READ—

Para 32 of the Mysore Famine Code 1909, directing that reasonable reserves of tools and plant of a non-perishable nature, such as digging tools, axes, iron-treasure chests, iron buckets for drawing water, etc., should always be maintained at convenient centres and that the Superintending Engineers of Circles should submit yearly inspections reports on these reserves to Government.

(2) Note No. D. 1498, dated the 8th May 1928, by the Public Works Secretary on the subject.

ORDER NO. P. W. 154-67—S., DATED 13TH JULY 1928.

It is reported that at present there is a large stock of famine reserve tools in all the 8 divisions without any use and most of them are getting deteriorated. As large amount of money is locked up in these tools, no new machinery on tools could be purchased for the ordinary requirements of the Divisions. Moreover with the present day facilities for transport it is possible, even in case of famine in any part of the State, to convey materials quickly from place to place when required.

With a view to reduce the stock and make it useful for other works, the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore was consulted and he has agreed, as opined by the Famine Revision Committee, that the stock of famine reserve tools might be reduced by 50 per cent.

2. Government agree in the opinion expressed and direct that the famine reserve tools now stocked in the 8 Public Works Divisions corresponding to the 8 Revenue Districts, be reduced by 70 per cent and the articles thus released be sold to the Public Works Department Contractors at prevailing market rates, the centage charges being waived, as a special case. In the case of works carried out by the Departmental agency, materials may be issued from the reserves and the cost charged to works.

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